



Montana Immunization Program Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

2017 Regional Workshops

Visit our [regional workshop webpage](#) for additional information, including workshop locations and registration deadlines.

NFID HPV Vaccinations Webinar

The National Foundation on Infectious Disease (NFID) is hosting *HPV Vaccinations: From Recommendations to Practice* webinar session on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 from 10:00am-11:00am (MT). The webinar will provide an update on the current ACIP recommendations regarding the use of HPV vaccines and strategies for improving iz rates. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

National Learning & Action Network Webinar

The Quality Improvement Organizations and Mountain-Pacific Quality Health are hosting *Immunization: Everyone's Responsibility* webinar session on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 from 1:00pm-2:00 (MT). This session is about working with communities to promote best practices of healthy living and will focus on strategies to effectively immunize Medicare beneficiaries and health care workers. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

IZ Provider Session: Adolescent Immunizations

Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 12:00pm (MT)
Presented by Amy Middleman, MD, MPH, MEd Chief of Oklahoma University Adolescent Medicine

Adult NetConference Series

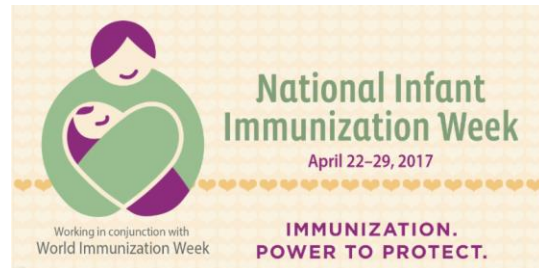
CDC and Maryland's Adult Immunization Coalition and State Immunization Program are hosting six, 1-hour webinar sessions on topics related to Vaccinating Adults during April and May. Pre-registration is required and continuing education credit is available. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

New HPV Vaccination Algorithm

Now posted on the MT TeenVax webpage is an algorithm to assist clinics with determining whether a patient will need two or three doses of HPV. The algorithm is posted [HERE](#).

National Infant Immunization Week is right around the corner!

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is a great opportunity for the entire practice—including physicians, nurses, and receptionists—to show parents that your practice strongly supports vaccination according to the CDC's recommended immunization schedule. It's also a good chance to let parents know that on-time vaccination is the norm, despite what they might hear in the media.



Here are some ideas for ways that your practice can celebrate NIIW this year:

- Like or share [DPHHS's Facebook](#) post the week of April 24th.
- Include an [article](#) in your practice's newsletter or on your website.
- Play [CDC videos](#) in your waiting room or link them to your website.

By incorporating NIIW into your practice, you can raise awareness about the importance of immunization for protecting children in your community and be a strong voice in support of CDC's recommended immunization schedule.

Maternal & Child Health Working to Increase Adolescent Well Visits

The Maternal & Child Health Section at DPHHS is working to improve the percentage of Montana's adolescents who receive annual preventive healthcare. This is associated with the Maternal & Child Health Block Grant, and was chosen as a result of a statewide needs assessment. A focus on adolescent preventive healthcare will help DPHHS bring together many public and private entities, and individuals, to raise awareness regarding its importance and potential. The first goal is to increase the percentage. A second goal is encourage providers regarding the comprehensive set of services and discussion these visits should cover.

An important part of this effort is identifying providers and other individuals across the state with an interest in adolescent health. Another critical step in the process is to create a stakeholder's group, to partner with messaging and promotion on the importance and benefits of adolescent preventive care. **To get started, there is a two-question online survey at:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AdolescentHealthCareProvidersSurvey>.

Please contact Blair Lund with any questions at blund@mt.gov or 444-0276.

Vaccines In Practice

National Infant Immunization Week is a great time to highlight CDC's [Provider Resources for Vaccine Conversations with Parents webpage](#).

Achieving high vaccination rates involves maintaining trust and keeping open lines of communication with parents. Please take a look at this 2-page handout for an overview of communication strategies: [Talking with Parents about Vaccines for Infants, Strategies for Health Care Professionals](#).

Are you interested in learning additional strategies to talk to vaccine hesitant parents and nursing contact hours? Watch the recorded session of the 2017 Immunization Provider Education Series, *Strategies to Communicate with Vaccine Hesitant Parents*. Information to access the recording and receive nursing contact hours are available on the [IZ Provider Series webpage](#).

Questions? Contact Susan Reeser, sreeser@mt.gov



VFC Corner

Monthly VFC Hot Topics Webinars

When: Every other month, last Tuesday and Thursday of the month.

[Updated Hot Topics Schedule](#)

[Archived Presentations](#)

No April Hot Topic due to Regional Workshops. The next Hot Topic will be in June.

Please help us develop our VFC Hot Topics Webinar! If there is a subject you would like us to cover, please send to hhsiz@mt.gov

VFC Reminders

Backup Data Logger Recalibration

Just a heads up that backup data loggers are due for recalibration this September. We are still working out the details, but we anticipate it looking much the same as our data logger recalibration last summer. Please watch your email for instructions.

Do You Have Vaccine Inventory that is Pink in imMTrax?

If so, it means that vaccine is going to expire soon! Please be on the lookout for any vaccine that is highlighted pink (see below for an example) because those doses will be expiring in the next 90 days. April is regional workshop month and summer is beginning, therefore, a lot of people will be traveling. Please let the immunization program know if you will be traveling and can transport vaccine to prevent it from not being used.

Currently the immunization program watches all vaccine that is going to expire within two months and

contacts the provider to try and transfer/transport it to another facility according to the transporting vaccine policy.

If you have questions or need help finding a home for vaccine that you won't use, please contact Katie Grady-Selby at kgrady@mt.gov or 444-1613.

Hib-PRP-T	ActHib	5 pack - 1 dose vials	Sanofi-Pasteur	UI471AAA	3	Y	Y	04/25/2017
Hib-PRP-T	ActHib	1 pack - 5 dose vials	Sanofi-Pasteur	UI758AAA	5	Y	Y	02/22/2018
Tdap > 7 years	Adacel	5 pack-1 dose syringe	Sanofi-Pasteur	U5095AA	5	Y	Y	07/03/2017
Tdap > 7 years	Adacel	5 pack-1 dose syringe	Sanofi-Pasteur	U5472AA	5	Y	N	10/18/2018
Tdap > 7 years	Adacel	5 pack-1 dose syringe	Sanofi-Pasteur	U5502AA	5	Y	Y	11/24/2018
HepB-Peds	Engerix-B Peds	10 pack - 1 dose T-L syringes. No Needle	GlaxoSmithKline	KZ9ZC	5	Y	Y	06/05/2017

imMTrax Announcements



imMTrax Feature: Provide Feedback

Did you know imMTrax has a module allowing any user to report or provide feedback directly in imMTrax? Next time you login, look to the end of any page within imMTrax and identify the *Provide Feedback* link. You will be asked to provide a Functional Area (such as Reports or Inventory Management), and a Summary/Description.

Entries are reviewed once a week. Any reports of flaws or inconsistencies within imMTrax are compared with known issues, ensuring we have reported each identified issue to our vendor.

Note: When providing feedback, if you are referencing or providing an example from a client record, please provide the imMTrax ID.

Questions? Contact Michelle at mfuncness@mt.gov.

Monthly Vaccine-Preventable Disease Report

Table 1. Select Vaccine-Preventable Disease Counts by Jurisdiction of Residence- March 2017 and 2017 Year to Date

Select Vaccine Preventable Disease Case Counts by Jurisdiction of Residence, 2017	Haemophilus influenzae, invasive	Mumps	Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive	Varicella (Chickenpox)
Jurisdiction				
BIG HORN	–	–	–	1
CASCADE	1	–	–	1
DAWSON	–	–	1	–
GALLATIN	–	–	1	–
LINCOLN	–	1	–	–
RAVALLI	–	–	1	–
RICHLAND	–	–	1	–
YELLOWSTONE	–	–	1	2
Grand Total	1	1	5	4
2017 Year to date	5	2	20	11

*October 2, 2017- October 25, 2017

A mumps case was reported from Lincoln County in March. The case was not travel-related, and all contacts were up to date on MMR vaccination. Five cases of invasive *Streptococcus pneumoniae* were reported from various counties (age range: <1 year to 76 years). Sporadic cases of chickenpox were reported from Big Horn, Cascade, and Yellowstone counties. In addition, a *Haemophilus influenzae* case was identified in an infant; it was not type B.

Table 2. Influenza Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths

	Cases	Hospitalizations	Deaths
2016-2017 Season*	7154	730	22

2016-2017 Influenza Season Update

Influenza activity peaked during February and began to decline in March; to date this season over 7000 cases, 700 hospitalizations, and 22 deaths have been reported. The predominant strain this season is Influenza A H3, but during March the majority of positive results were Influenza B, which commonly occurs during the spring months. Preliminary data on the efficacy of the 2016-17 influenza vaccine indicates that for all age groups, receiving an influenza vaccine decreased the risk of getting the flu by 48%. More detailed information on vaccine efficacy will be available later in the spring.

Data retrieved from DPHHS. Questions? Contact CDEpi at (406) 444-0273.



2017 Immunization Provider Education Series

Immunization for Healthcare Personnel

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 12:00pm
(Mountain Time)

Presented by Sue Sebazco, RN, MBA, CIC, Infection
Prevention Director for Texas Health Arlington
Memorial Hospital

*This continuing nursing education activity was
approved by the Montana Nurses Association, an
accredited approver by the American Nurses
Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.*
1.25 nursing contact hours for each webinar session.

Click [HERE](#) for webinar login information and
additional details about the webinar series.

Archived Immunization Provider Education Series

The following webinar sessions are available to
view one year from the date of the original
presentation. The sessions are available on the
MMA website at no cost. Nursing staff can receive
1.25 nursing contact hours for each season.

1. *Immunizations: Building Trust During the Time of
Twitter* presented by Dr. Swanson from Seattle
Children's Hospital- **Available until 06/10/2017**

2. *Prevention of Influenza in High-Risk Groups: What
Are the Vaccine Options and Strategies?* presented
by Dr. Poland from Mayo Clinic- **Available until
09/23/2017**

3. *HPV Immunization: Separating the Myths from
Reality* presented by Dr. Erin Stevens from Billings
Clinic- **Available until 11/21/2017**

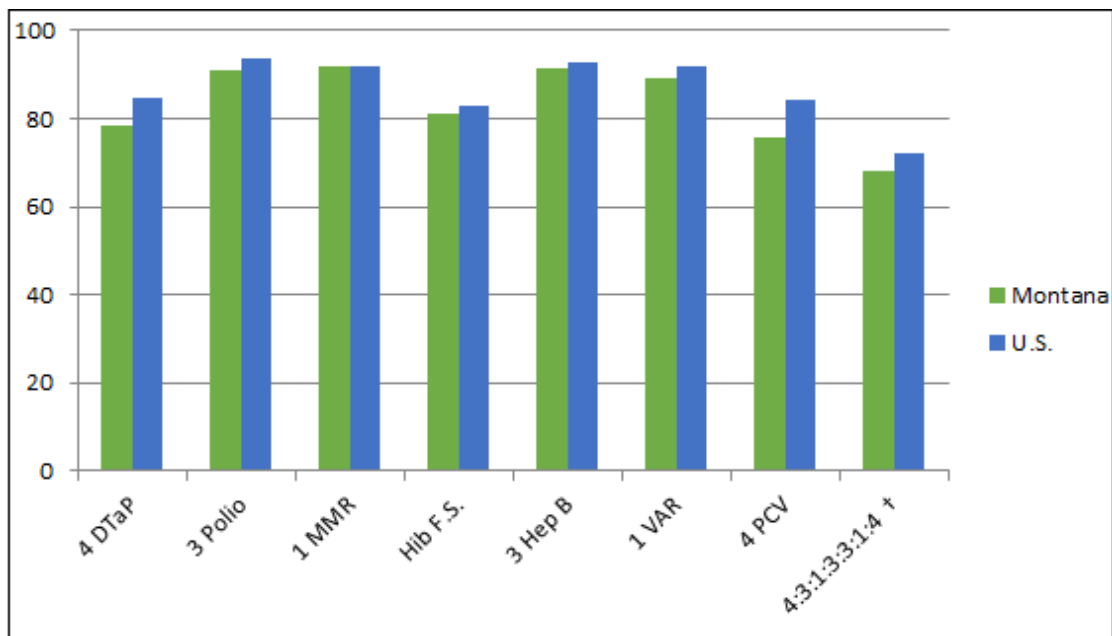
4. *Applying Principles of Vaccination to Vaccine
Administration Best Practices* presented by Donna
Weaver, RN, MN from CDC- **Available until
02/06/2018**

5. *Strategies to Communicate with Vaccine Hesitant
Parents* presented by JoEllen Wolicki BSN, RN from
CDC- **Available until 03/28/2018**

2015 Childhood Immunization Coverage Rates

Every year the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) conducts a national survey to determine immunization coverage rates for children aged 19-35 months. In fact, your clinic may have received requests to verify immunization records for patients included in the National Immunization Survey (NIS).

The most recent data published in 2015 indicate 68.1% of Montana's children 19-35 months are up-to-date for 4 DTaP; 3 Polio; 1 MMR; Hib full series; 3 Hep B; 1 Varicella; and 4 PCV series. This is up one percentage point from 2014. Healthy People 2020 goals are to achieve 80% for the series and 90% for each vaccine. The graph below shows coverage rates for the series and seven vaccines comparing Montana and the United States.



(Seven individual vaccines and full series, NIS 2015)



CDC has launched a new interactive website for immunization coverage rates called VaxView. It includes data for child, school, teen, adult, and flu coverage rates at the local (only select sites), state, and national levels. Information is presented in interactive graphs and charts and can be downloaded as well. There are a variety of ways to view the data, including by dose in the series, age, and calendar year. It does take a little practice to see all the options, but it's easy to understand.

VaxView replaces the National Immunization Survey tables. If you are looking for state and national coverage rates VaxView <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vaxview/index.html> is the place to start.

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